REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-57 were pending in the above-identified Application. Claims 1, 7, 11, 12-15, and 17 are amended herein; claims 6 and 18-57 are cancelled. Thus, claims 1-5 and 7-17 remain for consideration of which claims 1, 11 and 12 are independent claims.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,031,229 to Chow (hereinafter referred to as "Chow").

Claims 2, 3 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chow.

Claims 6-8, 11, 12 and 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended the claims herein to recite the subject matter deemed allowable as set forth following.

Claim 1 is amended herein to correspond to the allowable subject matter of claim 6. Thus, claim 1 should be allowed and this action is requested. Claim 6 is cancelled herein.

Claims 2-5, and 7-10 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1 and therefore are also allowable.

Claims 11 and 12 are amended herein to independent form including all of the limitations of the rejected base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, amended claims 11 and 12 should now be allowable.

Claims 13-17 as amended herein, depend either directly or indirectly from claim 11 and are therefore also allowable.